



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Monday, February 13, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0730)

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Present: President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Duba, Commissioner Escandón, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Petrossian, Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Shevlin

Absent: Commissioner Piñedo

Excused: Commissioner Ward

Call to Order. (12-0614)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tanberg at 10:10 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2012. (12-0365)

Commissioner Lesser noted that Commissioner Piñedo was not present at the January meeting. Commissioner Creary asked staff to review the audio for Item 14, as she did not recall the mention of Supervisor Yaroslavsky receiving an award. After further review from staff and clarification from Commissioner Creary, the "Boss" that Commissioner Creary referred to on the audio was, California Employment Development Department Division Chief, Michael Dolphin, who received the prestigious 2011 President's Award from the Millennium Momentum Foundation.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by

Commissioner Shevlin (President Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Piñedo, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Escandon being absent), this item was approved as amended with the aforementioned corrections.

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2. Approval of a \$500 donation to Project Peacemakers, Inc. for event support during the 2012 Health Education Community Project of District 1, "Understanding the Myths of Religion and Domestic Violence" training conference on February 23, 2012 at the California Endowment. (12-0635)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Lesser (President Becerra-Jones, Commissioner Piñedo, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Escandon being absent), this item was approved.

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3. Approval of a \$750 donation to the Beverly Hills West Chapter of the Links, Inc. for event support during the 2012 Health Education Community Project of District 2, "Women Take Heart" conference to be held May 2012. (12-0640)

During discussion, Commissioner Lesser stated it was difficult to review the Donation Request Form as some of the information had very small font. President Becerra-Jones suggested that the required information on the form that exceeds the allotted space, should be added as a separate document attached to the Donation Request Form.

Therefore, at the suggestion of President Becerra-Jones and on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin (Commissioner Piñedo and Commissioner Ward being absent), this item was approved.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

4. SET ITEM 10:15 a.m.

Presentation from Wendy Schiffer, MSPH, Director of Planning and Evaluation, on an overview of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and their 2012-2017 Strategic Plan. (12-0337)

Ms. Schiffer presented an overview of programs and services provided by the Department of Public Health including the Department's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan.

She emphasized the focus of the Department is to protect and improve community health through:

- **Disease and injury prevention and control**
- **Health promotion**
- **Health protection**

Ms. Schiffer responded to questions posed by the Commission. She will research and respond to the Commission via email on the following:

- **What is the Department's policy and position on screening potential patients that maybe at-risk such as HIV patients?**
- **Research if Office of Women's Health includes domestic violence within their program to prevent disease and injury.**
- **Submit to Domestic Violence Committee, information to be part of the California Community Health Improvement Plan.**
- **How does the Department inform the public about their services other than the Public Health website?**

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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5. SET ITEM 10:45 a.m.

Presentation via teleconference, Terri A Thorfinnson, J.D., California Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health (OWH), on services provided by OWH. (12-0638)

Ms. Thorfinnson provided a brief history on the creation of the California Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health (OWH). The OWH focuses on health promotion, health research and policy health reform. Policy health reform is difficult, as this process is still evolving.

Ms. Thorfinnson responded to questions posed by the Commission. She focused her responses on the consolidation of the OWH and how the OWH will be impacted and the work that is done within Los Angeles County. She will forward updated information to the Commission as it develops.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS

6. President Report for the month of January 2012. (12-0613)

President Becerra-Jones introduced and welcomed newly appointed Second District Commissioner Martha E. Escandon.

President Becerra-Jones provided an overview of her report for January. She noted District 4 is still pending a Community meeting for this year and suggested that the event be held in April or May 2012.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Treasurer Report for the month of January 2012. (12-0629)

Treasurer Shevlin requested Rhonda Rangel, Commission Staff, to present the January Treasurer Report and the 6 Month Trust Fund Report.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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8. Update Report from Education Committee meeting held on January 30, 2012. (12-0591)

Commissioner Petrossian submitted the Events Committee report. She noted that there were 7 individuals nominated to evaluate scholarship applications. Commissioners were encouraged to submit additional nominees. However, the list will be finalized this week. Additionally, scholarship applications will be disbursed and available on the Commission website this week.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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 [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

9. Update Report from the AD-Hoc Women of the Year Luncheon Committee. (12-0632)

Commissioner Gallegos provided a verbal update on the Women of the Year Luncheon scheduled for March 12, 2012. She added that the Leukemia / Lymphoma Society will not be able to provide the gift bags as previously reported, but will be able to provide inserts. Commissioners were asked to provide alternative potential sponsors to Commission Staff. Luncheon invitations were distributed to Commissioners for their own use and to share with the public. To date, there are two sponsors, Kaiser as a Diamond Sponsor and Coca Cola as a Silver Sponsor. Although the sponsorship deadline has passed, sponsors are still being accepted. However, late sponsorships may not have their artwork printed in the luncheon souvenir program but sponsors can add a separate insert.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

10. Report on the Association of California Commissions for Women 2012 Retreat in Cambria attended by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser on January 13-15, 2012. (12-0630)

Commissioner Lesser reported on the Association of California Commissions for Women Retreat she attended on January 15, 2012. During her report, Commissioner Lesser requested that Commissioners email her survey questions that will be used across the State and collected to identify the needs of women and their families.

Commissioner Lesser requested that a discussion to support the 5th World Conference on Women to be hosted by the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women in 2015 be placed on the April agenda.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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11. Report on presentation by Fit-2-A-T on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the East Los Angeles Service Center for the Health Education and Community Project of District 1 attended by President Becerra-Jones. (12-0631)

President Becerra-Jones submitted the Health Education and Community Project for District 1.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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12. Report on the California Federation Business and Professional Women Conference in Pasadena attended by Commissioner Becky Shevlin on Saturday, January 21, 2012. (12-0633)

Commissioner Shevlin submitted a verbal report of the California Federation Business and Professional Women Conference in Pasadena she attended, January 21, 2012.

During discussion Commissioner Lesser recommended that an item be placed on the April agenda to discuss the review of the City of Los Angeles' adopted Resolution to support the re-establishment of the California State Commission.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. DISCUSSION

13. Executive Committee Criteria update on the use of additional funds not included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Commission for Women trust fund budget, including update on the website project. (Continued from meetings of 07/11, 08/08, 11/14/11 and 01/09/12) (11-3206)

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Staff, reported that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors has updated their website and will be including the Commission for Women's website in the update at no cost to the Commission. Rony Wirtz of the Executive Office, Information Resource Management Division, reported that there would be costs associated with any upgrades to the Commission's site.

After discussion, the Executive Committee Criteria update on the use of

additional funds not included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Commission for Women trust fund budget was continued to the meeting of April 9, 2012.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

- 14.** Commissioner announcements for the month of February 2012. (12-0612)

Commissioner Tanberg introduced Fourth District Deputy Rebekah Kim, who stated Supervisor Knabe will soon be appointing a new Commissioner to the Commission.

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Matters Not Posted

- 15.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-0611)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 15A.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Lesser: Discussion to support the 5th World Conference on Women to be hosted by the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women in 2015. (12-0765)

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, and by common consent, there being no objection, the item was introduced for discussion and placed on the April 9, 2012 agenda.

- 15B.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Lesser: Discussion and review of the City of Los Angeles' adopted Resolution to support the re-establishment of the California State Commission. (12-0766)

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, and by common consent, there being no objection, the item was introduced for discussion and placed on the April 9, 2012 agenda.

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-0610)

Linda M. Milligan and Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

17. Adjournment for the regular meeting of February 13, 2012. (12-0609)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.